

In the Claims:

1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A wireless communications system, comprising:
at least one relatively long range base station having a first relatively large coverage area;
a short-range base station having a second short coverage area relative to said at least one long-range base station and disposed within the coverage area of said at least one relatively long-range base station; said short-range base station controlling all wireless mobile communications to and/or from said at least one relatively long range base station within said short coverage area, said short-range base station restricting operation of communication devices disposed within said short coverage area which are capable of communicating with said at least one relatively long range base station.

9- 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A method of operating a wireless communications system, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one relatively long range base station having a first relatively large coverage area;
providing a short-range base station having a second short coverage area relative to said at least one long-range base station and disposed within the coverage area of said at least one relatively long-range base station; said short-range base station controlling all wireless mobile communications to and/or from said at least one relatively long range base station within said short coverage area, said short-range base station restricting

operation of communication devices disposed within said short coverage area which are capable of communicating with said at least one relatively long range base station.

15. (previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein said step of controlling wireless communications is provided in more than one format on more than one channel.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein said communication devices include means responsive to said short range base station for providing at least one predetermined function at said communication devices.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim 16 wherein said at least one predetermined function is one of precluding audible responses at said communication devices, causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response and altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

18. (previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is precluding audible responses at said communication devices.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said communication devices include means responsive to said short range base station for providing at least one predetermined function at said communication devices.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one predetermined function is one of precluding audible responses at said communication devices, causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response and altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is precluding audible responses at said communication devices.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.